

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1084

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Karen Parker on her selection as the 2010 Hawkins County Schools' Teacher of the Year for Mooresburg Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Karen Parker is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parker has recently been selected as the 2010 Teacher of the Year for Mooresburg Elementary School by Hawkins County Schools, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, along with other distinguished Hawkins County teachers, Karen Parker was recently honored at the Hawkins County School System's Teacher of the Year Banquet; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parker holds an Associate's degree in Education from Hiwassee College, a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary and Special Education from Carson-Newman College, and a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a truly capable educator, Karen Parker has taught for more than twenty years, serving with distinction as a special education teacher at Mooresburg Elementary School since 1994; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parker began her illustrious teaching career at the Hamblen County Schools in 1988, where she taught K-5 special education; and

WHEREAS, before beginning her exemplary tenure at Mooresburg Elementary, Karen Parker served with kindness and enthusiasm as the K-12 special education teacher at Clinch School from 1991-1994; and

WHEREAS, a true American patriot, Ms. Parker rendered sterling service in the Tennessee Army National Guard for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, Karen Parker dearly loves her students, and she has immersed herself in service to children and others not only through classroom instruction, but also by tutoring disadvantaged children, organizing fund raising activities for Junior Firefighters, and coaching T-ball and basketball; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parker is an innovative and inspiring leader in education, as evidenced by her service as the School Coordinator for ThinkLink computer training, the School Coordinator for Mooresburg Elementary's Math Blast Program, and the Primary Team Member of School-Wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS); and

WHEREAS, this remarkable woman is a valuable member of the Professional Educators of Tennessee and the Southern Accreditation of Colleges and Schools (SACS) school component; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Karen Parker won the Wal-Mart teacher appreciation shopping spree, was recognized in the newspaper for her educational military display during the Desert Storm campaign, and was acknowledged in the newspaper for providing excellent large group enrichment activities for gifted fourth and fifth grade students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parker has earned the respect and admiration of her community through her meritorious service and her dedication to her students while exuding a tireless enthusiasm and a willingness to try new and innovative methods in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, Karen Parker is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Parker epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that that we honor and congratulate Karen Parker on her selection as the 2010 Hawkins County Schools' Teacher of the Year for Mooresburg Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.